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Rules of procedure

At its first session in October 2011, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management adopted its provisional rules of procedure, as contained in document E/C.20/2011/3.[1] The provisional rules were subsequently reviewed by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, with a view to bringing them into line with the rules and general practices of the Economic and Social Council. The Office of Legal Affairs made a number of recommendations to improve and clarify the language, which have been incorporated into the revised rules of procedure[1] presented before the Committee.

The rules are structured in 10 sections containing 43 rules. The sections address issues relating to definitions, membership and composition of the Committee, officers, the secretariat, conduct of business, voting, official and working languages, sound recording, public and private meetings, observers and amendments.

With respect to membership, the rules stipulate that the Committee shall comprise experts from all Member States in the interrelated fields of surveying, geography, cartography and mapping, remote sensing, land/sea and geographic information systems and environmental protection. The experts shall be designated by the Governments of the Member States. Each Member State participating in a session of the Committee shall be represented by a head of delegation and other such accredited representatives, alternate representatives, experts and advisers as required. The head of delegation shall be a full member of the Committee, with voting rights; the other accredited representatives, alternate representatives, experts and advisers may participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions at meetings of the Committee.

* E/C.20/2012/1.
[1] Available in the language of submission only from http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

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The section on observers allows for and clarifies the participation in the work of the Committee of non-Member States, specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

The Committee is invited to adopt the revised rules of procedure as a basis for its work.